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prepared to describe why it is unusual or suspicious. Don't hesitate to report it! To report an emergency situation, call 911. For other preparedness information or city assistance, call 311 or Police information, 727-6111.

Preparing a disaster supply kit

Preparing for a disaster or emergency is a responsibility that begins with each individual. We can't control all the emergencies that will occur in our lives, but we can be ready to face them by knowing what to do and taking action to prepare.

Two things that will always help you in an emergency or disaster are clear thinking and quick reactions. If you can stay calm in a crisis, you'll be better able to make the right decisions. Once you decide the best action to take in a particular situation, do it! There's no room for hesitation in a disaster or emergency.

Your Disaster Supplies Kit

- Flashlights with extra batteries or other battery-powered lights.
- A portable radio and extra batteries.
- A first aid kit that contains a first aid manual.
- Medication, both essential prescription and nonprescription medication.
- Three-day supply of nonperishable food and water. Store water in plastic bottles with screw caps. Plan on one gallon per person per day.
- Baby supplies, such as food, canned milk or formula and disposable diapers.
- Food, water, and medications for pets.
- Eating utensils, utility knife and an opener. Feminine supplies, toilet paper, towlelettes and other personal hygiene items.

Should any kind of emergency situation occur, stay tuned to City Channel-47, visit the City's website at www.hampton.gov or register for eNews at <http://eNews.hampton.gov/> to receive E-mail updates from the City for updated information.

In addition, be sure to watch the Homeland Security program running at 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. on Hampton City Channel-47.

Who do I contact about suspicious activity?

Hampton officials urge residents to remain calm and use common sense. Should you detect activity that makes you uncomfortable, be

International Children's Festival

Prepare for a sensory overload as you experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of sixteen countries plus Native Americans and an overview of the continent of Africa. You can almost smell the exotic aromas and hear the strains of native music as the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department brings the world to your feet. Travel isn't any easier than this – no luggage, no layovers, no jet lag – so make plans to attend this exciting festival on April 10th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Hampton's Mill Point Park.

Although the primary objective of the festival is to expose children to the cultures of the world, a variety of fun activities have been planned to complement the learning process.

Parade of Nations – Opening Ceremonies will kick off with a Parade of Nations featuring representatives from participating countries placed out in their national costumes. Experience a breathtaking array of exquisite fabrics, bold colors, and exotic designs as the visiting countries are introduced.

Miffy's Egg Hunt – No respectable egg hunt would be complete without a rabbit so, in keeping with our international theme, we are pleased to announce that our very special hostess will be none other than Miffy, one of the most beloved rabbits in the world! Created in The Netherlands but claimed by Japan, this cuddly notebook rabbit is a real world traveler. The hunt starts at 11 a.m.

Madeline – Coming straight to us from her boarding school in Paris will be the lovable and charming Madeline, title character of six award-winning children's books. Come on out and visit with this delightful young lady from 12 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Stature of Liberty Contests – Liberty Tax Service is sponsoring two contests based on the Statue of Liberty with two lucky winners receiving \$50 Savings Bonds. There's a coloring contest for children seven and under along with a trivia quiz for those eight and older. Contest forms are available online at www.hampton.gov/parks. Entries should be turned in to the U.S. Embassy Information Booth at the festival by 4 p.m.

KIDTECH – If you like computers you're going to love the KIDTECH Zone! They'll have computers on site with a variety of international children's software downloaded and ready for action. Print a map, test your geographical knowledge, do a word search of continents and oceans, play international strategy games or Sertex, a comprehensive geography program.

Storytelling Area – Experience folktales from across the world through the tales of visiting storytellers. Using puppets and puppets, the quest for knowledge is brought to life from the child's perspective.

Passports to Adventure – To enhance the worldwide journey and further simulate real travel, Passports to Adventure may be purchased at the festival's U.S. Embassy Information Booth. Children can have their "visa" stamped as they "visit" the different countries. Once their "World Traveler" drawing with a chance to win passes to Bush Gardens.

For more information on the festival call 727-8111 or go to www.hampton.gov/parks. Admission to the festival is free and ample parking is available in Downtown Hampton.

National Youth Service Day

April 11 - 13, 2003

When someone says "Teenagers" what comes to mind? Gangs? Baggy pants? Madmax TV? Junk food? These are some of the images common in our society and perpetuated in the media.

The Hampton Youth Commission is out to change these perceptions. They want people to know that most youth are creative, hard-working people who care a lot about their community.

That's why youth commissioners will join over 25 local youth organizations and thousands of youth around the country in celebrating the 15th annual National Youth Service Day on April 11 through 13, 2003.

Hampton teens will participate in many projects that are designed and implemented by youth, with funding from a special grant program of Hampton Youth Commission.

For further information on National Youth Service Day, see their website at www.yusa.org/nytd. To volunteer for a service project on the Peninsula during the week of National Youth Service Day, call Carolyn Kincaid at the Volunteer Center at 262-0903. To find out more about how Hampton youth are making a difference, call the Hampton Youth Commission at 728-3285.

Students, faculty and parents from James Madison School met with a 2003 grant from Hampton Youth Commission to fund the 15th Annual National Youth Service Day.

May is Neighborhood Month!

Thousands of Hampton residents are busily preparing for the City's 7th Annual Neighborhood Month celebration in May. As a city of vibrant neighborhoods, Hampton has much to celebrate as will be evident in the 100 or more events planned and celebrated all over our City.

Neighborhood Month is a time when the entire City comes together to celebrate the richness and diversity of our neighborhoods through neighborhood festivals, beautification projects, and parades.

"Each year these events have increased in size and participation, injecting vibrancy into the community and energizing the City," says Joan Kennedy, Director of Hampton's Neighborhood Office. This year's theme, "Neighborhoods...the Heart of Hampton" relays the kind of pride the entire community has in Hampton. Neighborhoods are also our history and in honor of that the Neighborhood Commission will sponsor a neighborhood tour from an historical perspective.

In addition, there are many citywide events planned that range in size and theme. Neighborhood Month is sponsored by the Hampton Neighborhood Commission, Sentara Healthcare, and the Clean City Commission. For more information on how you can participate in Neighborhood Month or to let us know what your organization or group is planning, visit the Hampton Neighborhood website at hampton.gov/neighborhoods or contact Sydney Mason at (757) 727-6460.

April COMMUNITY EVENTS

5 2003 Student Crime Line Summit
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Phoebus High School

19 2003 Student Crime Line Summit
The Hampton Roads Regional 2003 Student Crime Line Summit will offer a number of activities to include a centre demonstration, a red man demonstration, and a Student Crime Line logo cap contest. For more information call 727-6638.

9 Hampton City Council Meeting
7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (3th Floor, City Hall)

19 2003 International Children's Festival
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Hampton's Mill Point Park

Taweling will never get any easier than this – a simple drive will bring the world to your feet in this one-day journey around the globe. For more information call 27-6784.

Saturday Night Block Party
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Downtown Hampton

Spring is here and the Saturday

Night Block Parties are underway in Downtown Hampton at the intersection of King & Queens Way. Live bands, great food, and good company will be on hand every Saturday night at the free street fair. For more information go to hamptoncentralmalls.com or call 727-1340.

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